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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Foreign Language Department would like to inform you about a program available here at Elk Ridge Middle School for incoming 7th grade students. Starting with the 2009-2010 school year we have incorporated an Introduction to World Language class into the schedule. This elective class has made it possible for 7th grade students to start learning foreign languages 1 year earlier than was previously offered.

This class is a great opportunity for the students to expose themselves to different languages and cultures. Not only does it allow them to hear and speak several different languages, it helps them to decide which foreign language they would like to study while here at Elk Ridge and in high school later. This elective is one of the only academic elective classes available for 7th graders but it is still a lot of fun.

The program is a semester long course that introduces all three foreign languages available here at Elk Ridge which are French, German and Spanish. The students spend several weeks studying each language. The class covers letters, numbers, colors, basic conversation, days and months. The students do not have a culminating exam on all of the languages.

We hope to have the privilege of teaching your student in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

The Foreign Language Department

Jenn Arnold- French

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